

Showers Sunday; fair and cooler. Fair Monday.

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PRICE FIVE CENTS

ADMIT ASYLUM IS BAD

Macfarland Says Hospital Is Only Make-shift.

Commissioner Tells of Urgent Pleas For New Building.

Further Evidence of Mistreatment of Patients.

In the light of the exposure by The Times of conditions at the Washington Asylum Hospital, District officials admitted yesterday afternoon that the situation at the institution is far from satisfactory.

For this state of affairs Congress is blamed.

In speaking of the manner in which patients are looked after in the hospital, Commissioner Macfarland said:

"It is only a makeshift down there, and will be discontinued when we get our new municipal hospital, on Brigatwood avenue."

Work Under Disadvantage.

Dr. D. Percy Hickling, visiting physician of the hospital, said:

"We work under a terrible disadvantage at the hospital because the salaries paid the nurses are so small as to effectually prevent our securing as many as we are entitled to under the law."

Mr. Macfarland, who has ordered a sweeping investigation by the Board of Charities of the conditions at the hospital, does not believe, however, that the cramped and crowded quarters and the inadequate nursing service have resulted in any person not getting good care and relief from their sufferings so far as is possible in medical science.

On the other hand, since The Times took up the matter in its columns, it has been informed from various sources that the investigating committee, which will begin its work this week, will be able to find witnesses who will tell of alleged mistreatment of patients at the institution.

One witness states that while he was an inmate of the institution another patient, suffering with a loathsome and contagious disease, served the meals in ward No. 1, the convalescent ward, notwithstanding the objections of other patients that the man's condition was such as to make him offensive to the olfactory nerves of all who came near him.

Served Food for Others.

Incredible as it seems, this witness also states that, although this patient was in such a bad condition that he was isolated in a room by himself, he was allowed to dish out the food, handle the bread, etc., for the other patients in the ward. This, condition, the informant says, continued for months.

An inspection of the Washington Asylum Hospital by a representative of The Times yesterday, accompanied by Dr. Hickling, disclosed these facts: Twelve pupil nurses care for the 125 patients in the hospital, nine by day and three by night; one nurse looks after wards containing ninety patients at night; the insane and "suspected insane" are crowded into rooms together, so that a raving maniac is frequently confined in a room with a person who may turn out to be not insane at all; in the insane and "suspected insane" wards the color line is drawn hardly at all, so that whites and blacks mingle together all day.

Although the appropriation for the hospital allows the employment of twenty-four pupil nurses at \$4 or \$5 a month.

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Have You Experimented?

"Know anyone who wants to buy a parrot?" said a lady, who was buying bird food at the Rhode Island Pharmacy, First and Rhode Island avenue, a short time ago. "I've two, and I'd like to sell one if I could."

"Ever try The Times; we've a Want Ad branch?"

"Why, no; I never thought of that."

The lady has a new cage now for the parrot she didn't sell.

UGLY CHARGE BRINGS TILT IN SCHOOL BOARD

Dr. Chancellor Refuses to Stand Inquiry Into Examination.

Transfers, Promotions, and Appointments of Teachers Made.

Charges that examinations for supplying vacancies in the teaching force of the Washington school system were "too loosely" conducted, and the examination of Supervising Principal W. D. Williams, of the twelfth division, was "irregular and should be investigated," were made in open meeting by two members of the Board of Education, at yesterday afternoon's session. The tilt between the board members enlivened what was otherwise a routine session.

The question arose immediately after the board had approved Superintendent Chancellor's appointment of Mr. Williams as supervising principal. Mr. Cook started the board by asking for a reconsideration, announcing that information had reached him within a few hours that the examination had been "irregular," in that it had been postponed for twenty-four hours after the board of examiners had already begun its work, and that in this interim the examiners and the applicant had been seen together, and that Mr. Williams had been entertained by one of the former.

The charge directly concerns R. M. Mattingly and Miss Harriet Riggs, conducting the examination, and indirectly, Superintendent Chancellor, who, while not present with the other two, afterward conducted the oral part of the examination.

Oil on Troubled Waters.

Mr. Horner confirmed Mr. Cook's statement and seconded the motion for a reconsideration, stating that the matter was one of grave importance. Mrs. Terrell rose immediately to defend the board of examiners, and also Mr. Williams, whom she said would stop at no dishonesty. Captain Oyster said that the board should have some definite assurance of a wrong before presuming in such matters. The motion to reconsider was lost, and the matter rested for an hour while other things were considered.

Just before the meeting adjourned Mr. Horner said that the matter should not be allowed to drop. He moved that the charges which had come to his ears, and which he considered reliable, be investigated.

Chancellor Refuses to Be Examined.

Dr. Chancellor interposed by saying that he considered such a motion a reflection upon himself. "I am a member of the board of examiners and conducted the oral part of the examination," said the superintendent. "I also give the markings of the applicant from the papers submitted by the examiners, and consider the examination entirely proper. I am willing to make an investigation myself and make a written report, but I will not stand for an investigation by this board. I will not be examined or made a party to such a thing. If the board is displeased with my report when rendered it can remove me from the service, but I most assuredly will not be investigated."

Captain Oyster agreed with the attitude of the superintendent, as did other members of the board, and after explaining that he was not referring to the superintendent personally, Mr. Horner agreed that a written report be submitted by the superintendent.

"I will investigate the subject of examination, and if I find there has been any improper conduct of any kind, I shall be the first to recommend dismissal of the guilty ones. Mr. Williams stood a high examination, and I believe it to be entirely regular," said the superintendent.

Water Bad at Five Schools.

An analysis of the water taken from the wells at the Garfield, Good Hope, Ivy City, Bladensburg, and Hamilton Road schools was read. The water was described as being a little below the prescribed standard, and the defects will be remedied.

On motion of Mrs. Hill, the board gave permission to all schools to give a flower show on Friday, the 27th.

The board denied the request of the president of the St. Andrew's Brotherhood that the boys belonging to the various chapters in Washington be permitted to participate in the international convention beginning here Wednesday.

A recommendation of the superintendent that industrial night schools should be established under a \$5,000 appropriation available, was approved. When arrangements are completed ten teachers will be employed. When arrangements are completed ten teachers will be employed, teaching both male and female classes in industrial arts.

Kindergarten Assignments.

In addition to the transaction of other routine business, the following promotions, transfers, and changes were approved:

Assignments of kindergarten teachers:

FIRST DIVISION.

Toner School—F. J. Evans, Miss Lillian Davis.

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Everything Open at Chesapeake Beach Saturday and Sunday. Haley's Band. Dancing—Adv.

GROVER CLEVELAND IS RAPIDLY FAILING; CONDITION SERIOUS



GROVER CLEVELAND, Whose Serious Illness at Princeton Home Causes His Family and Friends Great Alarm.

FAMILY ALARMED OVER HIS ILLNESS; HAS SPECIALIST

Physicians Decline to Admit Celebrated Patient Grows Worse.

PRINCETON, N. J., Sept. 21.—The long shadows are seemingly rapidly closing around Grover Cleveland. The massive frame of the man who arose from the position of ward politician to the highest office in the gift of his country, is slowly, but none the less surely, giving way under the inroads of disease.

These are anxious days at Westland, the home of the Clevelands here, and although Mrs. Cleveland and her friends put on a brave front in public, they are plainly apprehensive over the condition of their distinguished patient. This is best shown by the calling here of Mrs. Cleveland's mother, Mrs. Perrine Ford, son, who, accompanied by a maid, arrived today with Dr. Banks, the New York specialist on stomach diseases.

Physicians Refuse Interview.

Dr. Banks is now in charge of the case, but declines to discuss, other than to say that Mr. Cleveland is doing as well as can be expected.

Drs. Carnahan and Bryan, who have attended the former President in the past, are still assisting in his care. They are declared, according to townspeople's rumors, to differ decidedly over the best methods to use. All of the doctors, however, agree that Mr. Cleveland's condition is such that, while he may show temporary improvements, he can never again resume active labor. He spends a great deal of his time in bed, and when he is able to go for a drive he has to be lifted into the carriage.

Devoted Wife Nurses Him.

Mrs. Cleveland is a devoted nurse and her devotion to her husband's wants is touching in the extreme.

"Just tell anyone who inquires that I will be all right soon" is the order Mr. Cleveland is reported to have issued and this is strictly obeyed.

Callers at Westland's today were met by a nurse who, to all inquiries, merely remarked that Mr. Cleveland was "doing well." Later it was stated that Mr. Cleveland had been able to go for a drive, but men on duty at the Westland gate say this is not true. They say he has not been out since last Tuesday, and then only for a short time.

CAR HITS BOYS IN PONY CART; MAY BE FATAL

Returning to their home after an afternoon and evening spent driving about the city in their pony cart, Ralph Stabler, eight years of age, and his brother, Louis, eleven, of 1331 Eighth street northwest, were hurled into the air when the vehicle was struck by a north-bound Ninth street car.

The younger boy lies in a serious condition at his home, and at an early hour this morning had not regained consciousness. He is suffering from concussion of the brain and possibly a fracture of the skull, but it is believed he will recover. The older boy was not seriously hurt.

The accident occurred at the corner of Q street about 7 o'clock last night.

Took Friend Driving.

The pony cart was purchased by the boys' father, A. J. Stabler, who conducts a sales stable and carriage repository at 361 D street northwest, several months ago. Early yesterday afternoon Ralph went out for a drive by

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OIL MAGNATES TO REORGANIZE STANDARD CO.

NEW YORK, Sept. 21.—Acting directly on the suggestion of John D. Rockefeller there will be a conference at the residence of Henry H. Rogers, at Fairhaven tomorrow of the men most closely associated with the affairs of the Standard Oil Company. The purpose of that vastly important meeting, according to Cleveland dispatches is complete reorganization of the great corporation.

Ablest Counsel Wanted.

John D. Archbold, William Rockefeller, Wesley M. Tilford, Charles Pratt and others, will either be at Fairhaven or will be in communication during the session with those on the ground.

The ablest counsel that the Standard can employ will also be present and before the meeting is concluded the entire question of the rearrangement of the directorate and the renaming of the company, it is expected, will have been thoroughly thrashed out.

While the meeting is in progress it is

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SHOOT'S BROTHER; ARMED WITH AX PURSUES WOMEN

Desperate Attempt of William Kendrick To Assassinate Family of Relative.

Attack Was Culmination of Quarrel, In Which Brother-in-Law, Wm. Dean, Figured.

Indefinably branded with the mark of Cain, William B. Kendrick, thirty-eight years old, made two desperate attempts to murder his brother, George Kendrick, forty-two years old, in front of 1001 Fourth street southeast, shortly before midnight last night after a violent quarrel.

Three shots were fired at the victim, one of them taking effect just below the heart, which will probably prove fatal. Two shots were also fired at George's wife and daughter Olive.

The would-be murderer then rushed from the house, pursued by Policemen Springman and Cullinane, and fled to his own home, at 415 L street southeast.

Arming himself with an axe, he left the house by the rear door, thus eluding the police, and hurried back to his brother's home.

There he broke in the back door and made a hurried search of the building, intent, it is alleged, upon ending the existence of his sister-in-law and his niece. Before he could do this, he was caught by Private John W. Kenny and Lieut. W. T. Anderson.

The attempted murder, according to eye-witnesses, was the culmination of a quarrel between the brothers, which had its beginning early in the afternoon.

WILLIAM HAD BEEN DRINKING HEAVILY.

William had been drinking during the whole of the afternoon, and at about 3 o'clock he made his appearance at the residence of his brother in an intoxicated condition. Several times his belligerent conduct caused comment among the neighbors.

At about 4 o'clock his brother, in the hope of pacifying him, sent out for a bucket of beer, the larger part of which was drunk by the already intoxicated man.

This stimulant, together with what he had previously consumed, served to make the man violent.

He became abusive, directing his remarks in the main at his brother and sister-in-law, both of whom did all in their power to calm him.

Finally, some slight remark on the part of his niece, Olive, a pretty eighteen-year-old girl, caused him to reach toward his pocket.

"I'm a good marksman," he muttered, thickly, it is said, "and if I see any trouble coming I'll clean out the whole family."

After this remark he uttered several other veiled threats, which were not taken seriously by those present, and walked away.

About 5 o'clock he returned to the grocery store, which takes up the lower floor of his brother's residence,

Coming Back Second Time.

Shortly after 11 o'clock, as the family was retiring for bed, William Kendrick returned to his brother's house, and, going around to the back entrance, rapped loudly. Receiving no response, he made his way to the front door and banged with his fist on the panel, at the same time indulging in violent and profane language.

Olive, the daughter of the assaulted man, was the first to go to the door to ascertain the cause of the trouble. Upon her return she tremblingly informed her father that Uncle William was outside making threats and trying to force his way in.

George Kendrick then drew on a pair of trousers and went to the door.

Quarrel Resumed.

Opening it he came face to face with his brother.

"Well, what do you want now?" George inquired.

"I want you," it is alleged his brother replied.

There was a short argument, during which George begged his brother to leave the house in peace. William refused, and George, reaching out with his right hand, pushed him away.

William struck quickly, and the two men, leaving the threshold of the house, reeled in a clench on the sidewalk.

How the shooting occurred has not yet been definitely settled.

One version is that, while the two men were in the clench, William released his right hand and drew his revolver. Then, pushing his brother, he deliberately fired three times, striking him once under the heart, and narrowly missing him the other times.

Another version is that the elder brother struck his assailant to the ground, and the latter, while rising, fired the shots.

Olive, who rushed to the door at the sound of the fight, was narrowly missed by two other bullets fired in her direction.

Goes Home and Returns.

One of the peculiar incidents connected with the assault was the remarkable course taken by Kendrick after the shooting. Immediately after seeing his brother fall to the ground, William sprang to his feet and rushed toward his own residence, at 415 L street. On his arrival there he bethought the police and, doubling on his trail, after having secured an ax from his own premises, he returned to the residence of his brother.

He was caught by the officers after he had broken down the back door and

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A man stepped into a store and asked the proprietor to change a bill. The merchant, after examining his change, found he was unable to change a single piece of money, although he had \$39.69 in coin, all common in circulation. What denominations were the coin and how many did he have?

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